

Applicant	:	Min Zhu, et al.
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Remarks

Claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 have been amended and new claims 25 and 26 have been added. Claims 1-24 are pending in the application. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following remarks.

More particularly, claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 have each been amended to recite “monitoring said respective management processes with a single supervisor process to determine whether a quality of service is met; and when the quality of service is not met, spawning a new logical process.” Support for this amendment can be found, for example, in paragraph 41 on page 11 and in paragraph 42 on page 12.

Support for new claim 25 can be found, for example, in paragraph 35 on page 10 and in paragraph 42 on page 12. Support for new claim 26 can be found, for example, in paragraph 42 on page 12.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-24 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over butler (U.S. 6,584,493) in view of Tang et al. (U.S. 6,349,327). Applicants respectfully traverse.

With regard to claims 1, 7, 13 and 19, neither Butler nor Tang, alone or in combination, discloses, suggests or teaches “monitoring said respective management processes with a single supervisor process to determine whether a quality of service is met; and when the quality of service is not met, spawning a new logical process.” An advantage of the claimed invention is that it enables, for example, a collaborative computing system to add additional participants to a conference while maintaining a level of quality of service by spawning a new logical process when the quality of service is not met. Because neither Butler nor Tang, either alone or in combination, discloses, suggests or teaches each and every element of claims 1, 7, 13, and 19, these claims are not rendered obvious by their combined teachings. Therefore, applicants respectfully request that the rejection of claims 1, 7, 13, and 19 be withdrawn.

Claims 2-6, 8-12, 14-18, and 20-24 depend from claims 1, 7, 13, and 19, respectively, and are therefore patentable for at least the reasons given above.

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New Claims

Claim 25 depends from claim 1, and is therefore patentable for at least the reasons given for claim 1. Claim 25 is additionally patentable because neither Butler nor Tang, either alone or in combination, discloses, suggests or teaches “spawning the plurality of logical processes with a process manager.”

Claim 25 depends from claim 25, and is therefore patentable for at least the reasons given for claim 25. Claim 26 is additionally because neither Butler nor Tang, either alone or in combination, discloses, suggests or teaches “sending a request to the process manager to spawn the new logical process when the quality of service is not met.”

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Conclusion

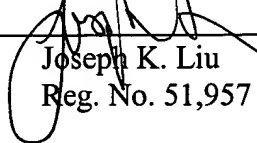
Prompt and favorable action on the merits of the claims is earnestly solicited. Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, the undersigned can be reached at (949) 567-6700.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any fee which may be required in connection with this Amendment to deposit account No. 15-0665.

Respectfully submitted,

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